REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner thorough review of the present application, and respectfully request reconsideration in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner is thanked for the telephone interview of this application. As discussed in the telephone interview, the Applicant has undertaken to amend the claims to better define the invention. Specifically, the claims have been amended to define the ring shape of the magnetic yoke. The ring shape is also defined to have two ends which are aligned with one another. In this manner, the at least one first pattern enables the two ends of the strip to define the ring shape and the two ends to be better joined and aligned.

The prior art of record, as outlined in the Office Action, fails to teach or suggest the now claimed invention. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reexamine the application in view of the amendments and the concurrently filed RCE.

Accordingly, for at least the aforementioned reasons, claims 1-7 are believed to be patentable over the cited art of record. A notice of allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No JLINP160). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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